

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 6 - 17, with the following amended paragraph:**

The present invention resides in a shelter structure which has a plurality of poles arranged in intersecting relationship and forming a plurality of pole crossings to form a frame. The frame has one or more four sided openings, each such opening having pole crossings as vertices and sections of said poles as sides thereof. Each of the poles has a first terminal end and a second terminal end, and each of the poles assumes a substantially arcuate shape under tension with its first and second terminal ends terminating in a common plane, such as the ground, to thereby define an interior volume. By grouping the intersecting poles in groups of three, at least one pole crossing is provided substantially at the top of the frame. One or more tension harnesses are connected between diagonal vertices of at least one four-sided opening, and preferably each four-sided opening. This results in an exceptionally rigid and strong frame. A covering is connected to at least some of the poles to substantially shelter the interior volume defined by the frame.

**Please also replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 6 - 16, with the following amended paragraph:**

Under tension, the poles 20 flex in a generally arcuate shape, thereby defining a substantially dome-shaped frame having an interior volume 35. In the particular embodiment shown in Figure 1, the terminal ends of three poles extending in a first direction are bound together and secured to the ground at 40 and 42, and the terminal ends of three other poles crossing in a second generally orthogonal direction are bound together and secured to the common plane at 44 and 46. The poles are preferably arranged such that at least one pole crossing is provided substantially at the top of the frame. In this particular configuration, the terminal ends of the poles may be bound by conventional means such as bungee cords, cable ties, or tape. The terminal ends may be secured to the common plane by any suitable means, including tent stakes for example. In addition, it may be desirable to interconnect the poles at one or more of the pole crossing locations. This also is suitably accomplished using conventional means such as bungee cords, cable ties, or tape.